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SUBJ: MARITIME BAN

REF: STATE 134275

1. MEESKE, VP PFEL, CALLED EMBASSY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON FROM MELBOURNE TO REPORT ON STATUS PFEL NEGOTIATIONS WITH LABOR REPRESENTATIVES.

2. HE ADVISES THAT REPS OF SEAMENS UNION AND WATERSIDE WORKERS UNION INDICATED SOME DISPOSITION TO REVIEW EARLIER DECISION TO BAN AMERICAN SHIPPING. MEESKE SUGGESTED THER WAS A SLIGHT POSSIBILITY THEY MIGHT BE ATTRACTED BY SOME FACE-SAVING FORMULA, SUCH AS FACT SHIP ALREADY EN ROUTE AUSTRALIA AT TIME BAN ANNOUNCED, PLUS PRACTICAL FACT IT HAS 5,000 TONS MELBOURNE CARGO AND 2,00 TONS CARGO AWAITING PICKUP IN MELBOURNE.

3. MEESKE ADVISES CRITICAL TIME IS LIKELY TO BE WHEN PFEL INSTRUCTS STEVEDORES TO ORDER LABOR FOR PHILIPPINE BEAR. DEPENDING UPON WHETHER SHIP APPEARS LIKELY ARRIVE MELBOURNE FRIDAY, JULY 13, OR SATURDAY, JULY 14,
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THE CRUCIAL TIMES FOR ORDERING LABOR WILL BE

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APPROXIMATELY 4 P.M. THRUSDAY , JULY 12 MELBOURNE
TIME (1 A.M. JULY 12 WASHINGTON TIME) OR MID-MORNING
FRIDAY, JULY 13.(APPROXIMATELY 8. 0.M. JULY 12 WASHINGTON TIME)
IF UNIONS FINALLY INTEND TO BOYCOTT SHIP, STEVEDORING ORDER FOR
LABOR WILL PRESUMABLY BE REJECTED. ON OTHER HAND ACCEPTANCE OF
LABOR ORDERS WOULD BE ENCOURAGING SIGN BOYCOTT MIGHT
NOT IN FACT BE APPLIED.
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